

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please add the following Abstract after the claims:

The invention relates to a cap for protecting the bristles of a paintbrush. Said cap comprises a housing consisting of two shells that are joined to each other in an articulated manner in order to close the housing by adjacently superimposing the shells. One of the shells, which is fixed, is extended by a rigid cradle for receiving a ferrule of the paintbrush, said cradle being provided with elements at the ends thereof, for respectively gripping the ferrule. The other shell, which is mobile, is provided with a locking element at the distal end thereof, which co-operates with a complementary locking element pertaining to the fixed shell, by nesting therein in the closing position of the housing, said locking elements projecting radially.